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SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: MEDIA REACTION

SUMMARY. LOCAL MEDIA NOVEMBER 7 CONCENTRATE ON SADAT'S ARRIVAL IN UK BUT ALSO CARRY PRESIDENT FORD'S INTERVIEW WITH EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS, TEXT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT AND UNDER SECRETARY SISCO'S PRESS CONFERENCE. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO EGYPTIANS WILL BE PRESIDENT FORD'S PUBLISHED COMMENTS ON PALESTINIANS, SINCE PLIGHT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAS BEEN FOCUS OF MEDIA TREATMENT OF ENTIRE VISIT. EGYPTIANS HAVE FOLLOWED SADAT'S VISIT ON TV AND TELL US THEY ARE PROUD OF HIS PUBLIC PERFORMANNCES WHICH THEY BELIEVE REFLECT CREDIT ON HISTORIC ROLE OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT IN CONTEXT OF ARAB WORLD. END SUMMARY.

1. EGYPTIAN PAPERS NOVEMBER 7 SHIFT FOCUS FROM US TO SADAT'S ARRIVAL IN LONDON. FEATURE PHOTOS AND LEAD STORIES DESCRIBE ARRIVAL

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CEREMONIES AND INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HMG. THERE IS STILL,

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE PLAY ON SADAT'S FINAL DAY IN US, NOTABLY PRESIDENT FORD'S TALK WITH MENA CHAIRMAN AND EDITORS-IN-CHIEF OF THE THREE CAIRO DAILIES.

2. ALL THREE PAPERS HAVE "FULL TEXT" OF PRESIDENT FORD'S Q AND A SESSION IN WHICH HE LAUDED PRESIDENT SADAT'S STATESMANSHIP, AFFIRMED USG WILL CONTINUE ASSIST STRENGTHENING AND REBUILDING OF EGYPTIAN ECONOMY, AND STATED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY WILL CONTINUE, SINCE ISRAELIS UNDERSTAND STALEMATE WILL IN LONG RUN HEIGHTEN LIKELIHOOD OF CONFLICT. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO EGYPTIAN READERS ARE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON:

A. USSR IN ME. "THERE IS NO FUNDAMENTAL REASON WHY USSR AND US SHOULD HAVE DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES IN ME. SO FAR IT APPEARS TO US USSR HAS SHOWN NO INDICATION OF SEEKING DISRUPT SINAI AGREEMENT." (COMMENT: GOE VIEW, OF COURSE, IS THAT SOVIETS HAVE ENCOURAGED CRITICISM OF SINAI II BY BOTH SARG AND PLO.)

B. PLO AND GENEVA. PRESIDENT FORD REPORTEDLY SAID IN LONG RUN THERE MUST BE BROADER SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL FALL WITHIN GUIDELINES OF RES 242 AND 338. REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE AT GENEVA, PRESIDENT SAID HE BELIEVES WE MUST ACCOMPLISH FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SINAI II AND THEN MOVE FORWARD, PERHAPS THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, PERHAPS AT GENEVA. PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY CONTINUED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE NOW TO SET DATE OR WRITE ANY PRESCRIPTIONS. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS WILL BE DISCOURAGING, THOUGH NOT SURPRISING, TO POLITICALLY SENSITIVE EGYPTIANS.)

C. USG AND CONGRESS. EGYPTIANS WILL BE DELIGHTED TO READ THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL "DO EVERYTHING I CAN" TO GAIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR AID FOR EGYPT AS PROPOSED BY ADMINISTRATION.

D. PRESIDENT FORD IN EGYPT. "I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING EGYPT AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN ME. PRESIDENT SADAT AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS. IT IS MY HOPE I CAN DO IT SOMETIME IN 1976, BUT I CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME."

E. US CABINET CHANGE. PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SAID CABINET CHANGES  
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WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON USG-ME POLICY SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL CONTINUE IN CHARGE US DIPLOMACY AND SINCE NEW SECDEF BELIEVES "IN STRONG MILITARY CAPABILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE." (COMMENT: ALMOST EVERY ARAB WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN SINCE CABINET CHANGES WERE ANNOUNCED HAS ASKED WHAT CONNECTION EXISTS BETWEEN THIS EVENT AND SADAT'S VISIT. SUBSEQUENT RESIGNATION OF GENERAL GRAHAM FROM DIA, WHO SPENT ACTIVE WEEK RECENTLY IN EGYPT, HAS ALSO GENERATED SOME CURIOSITY. MORE SOPHISTICATED

EGYPTIANS ESCHEW BYZANTINE SUGGESTION THAT TWO EVENTS WERE INTER-CONNECTED, BUT DO LAMENT, REFLECTING CHARACTERISTIC EGYPTIAN VIEW OF INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AS PRIMARILY DETERMINED BY INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONS, THAT TIMING OF SADAT VISIT HAD NOT ALLOWED HIM ESTABLISH PERSON-TO-PERSON RELATIONSHIP WITH INCOMING CABINET OFFIERS.)

3. PAPERS CARRY AS WELL AS FORD INTERVIEW TEXT OF US-EGYPTIAN STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR ENERGY AND ALSO UNDERSECRETARY SISCO'S REMARKS TO PRESS. RECEIVING FRONT-PAGE PLAY IS PRESIDENT SADAT'S INSTRUCTIONS THAT \$50,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR EGYPTIAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN US AND CANADA. MIN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AL-BUGAILI IS QUOTED AS SAYING TWO NUCLEAR STATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN AREA OF BORG AL-ARAB AND THAT ISRAELI "REJECTION OF WO SIMILAR REACTORS" WILL NOT HINDER EGYPTIANS'S OBTAINING THEM. FINALLY, PLANS FOR WELCOMING PRESIDENT BACK TO CAIRO NOVEMBER 9 REPORTEDLY PROCEED APACE, WITH "MORE THAN 50,000 CITIZENS" FROM MANUFIA GOVERNORATE ALONE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN HUGE POPULAR RECEPTION WHICH WILL STRETCH FROM AIRPORT TO PRESIDENT'S HOME IN GIZA.

4. THIS IS FINAL CABLE IN OUR MEDIA REACTION SERIES ON SADAT VISIT TO US. IN GENERAL, LOCAL PAPERS AND RADIO COVERAGE HAVE SERVED TWO PURPOSES. FOR READERS AND LISTENERS THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD, SADAT'S DECISION FOCUS ON PALESTINE HAS SERVED EGYPTIAN IMAGE WELL. LOCALLY, USG ASSURANCES OF ECONOMIC AID, ESPECIALLY THOSE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT FORD, HAVE BEEN WARMLY WELCOMED. ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN WIDELY EXPECTED HERE THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED, ITS ABSENCE IS LOCALLY ATTRIBUTED TO FACT THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY SINCE ITS COMPONENT PARTS HAD ALREADY BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. FURTHER, WHILE THERE WAS SOME HOME, NO SOPHISTICATED EGYPTIAN REALLY EXPECTED A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT USG DECISION TO SELL ARMS TO EGYPT, SO THERE IS PROBABLY LITTLE DISAPPOINTMENT ON THAT SCORE EXCEPT AMONG THE MILITARY. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. IN SHORT, PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAS GIVEN FURTHER FILLIP TO HIS PRESTIGE IN EGYPT. EGYPTIANS TELL US THEY ARE PROUD OF HIS PUBLIC PERFORMANCES, ALMOST ALL OF WHICH WERE TELEVISED WITH ARABIC LANGUAGE VOICE OVERLAY. POLITICALLY SENSITIVE EGYPTIANS BELIEVE HIS PUBLIC REMARKS WERE WELL-TAILORED FOR HIS VARIOUS AUDIENCES AND THEY HOPE THAT HE HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS IN EXPLAINING PALESTINIAN PROBLEM TO WHAT EGYPTIANS BELIEVE IS POTENTIALLY SYMPATHETIC BUT SADLY IGNORANT AMERICAN PUBLIC. AT MINIMUM, THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS COMPORTED HIMSELF AS ALL ARABS WOULD HOPE AND EXPECT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT, AN OFFICE WHICH IN EGYPTIAN (AND INDEED IN ARAB) VIEW IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF RECOGNIZED LEADER OF ARAB WORLD. MAESTRONE

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